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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Title: METHOD OF SWITCHING VIDEO SEQUENCES AND  
CORRESPONDING SWITCHING DEVICE AND DECODING SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice.

Please amend the claim as follows:

2. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 1, wherein the  
following steps are implemented :

(a) the old sequence to be replaced by the new  
one is cut on a P picture, at a first switching point, and  
a sequence of k minimal P pictures is then inserted ;

(b) after this sequence of additional pictures,  
at a second switching point said new sequence is inserted.